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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING

AGENCY NAME Division of Medicaid		CONTACT PERSON Margaret Wilson	TELEPHONE NUMBER (601) 359-5248	
ADDRESS 550 High Street, Suite 1000		CITY Jackson	STATE MS	ZIP 39201
EMAIL Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov	SUBMIT DATE SEP 30 2015	Name or number of rule(s): Title 23: Division of Medicaid, Part 212: Rural Health Clinics, Chapter 1: General, Rule 1.4: Reimbursement Methodology		

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal:

This filing adds language for reimbursement of an additional fee per completed transmission for telehealth services provided by a Rural Health Clinic (RHC) acting as the originating site to correspond with State Plan Amendment (SPA) 15-003 eff. 01/01/2015. Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule:

OBRA (1990) § 4161; 42 CFR §§ 440.20 (b) - (c), 447.371, Part 491; Miss. Code Ann. § 43-13-121; SPA 2013-033; SPA 15-003.

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: 1.4

ORAL PROCEEDING:

☐ An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

☒ Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

☐ Economic impact statement not required for this rule. ☒ Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES _____ Original filing _____ Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: _____ Immediately upon filing _____ Other (specify): _____	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES Action proposed: _____ New rule(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment to existing rule(s) _____ Repeal of existing rule(s) _____ Adoption by reference Proposed final effective date: _____ 30 days after filing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): DEC 01 2015	FINAL ACTION ON RULES Date Proposed Rule Filed: Action taken: _____ Adopted with no changes in text _____ Adopted with changes _____ Adopted by reference _____ Withdrawn _____ Repeal adopted as proposed Effective date: _____ 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____
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Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: David J. Dzielak, Ph.D., Executive Director

Signature of person authorized to file rules: *David J. Dzielak*

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

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DELBERT HOSEMAN
Secretary of State

CONCISE SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. This is a Concise Summary of the Economic Impact Statement which must be filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

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A. Estimated Costs and Benefits

1. Briefly summarize the benefits that may result from this regulation and who will benefit:
Telehealth will increase beneficiary access for needed Medicaid services from a remote location.
2. Briefly describe the need for the proposed rule:
Due to the rural nature of Mississippi, telehealth will increase beneficiary access for needed Medicaid services from a remote location
3. Briefly describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare:
Telehealth will increase beneficiary access for needed Medicaid services from a remote location.
4. Estimated Cost of implementing proposed action:
 - a. To the agency
☐ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
 - b. To other state or local government entities
☒ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
5. Estimated Cost and/or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed rule:
 - a. Cost:
☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
 - b. Economic Benefit:
☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
6. Estimated impact on small businesses:
 - ☒ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
 - a. Estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation:
 - b. Projected costs for small businesses to comply:
 - c. Statement of probable effect on impacted small businesses:
7. The cost of adopting the rule compared to not adopting the rule or significantly amending the existing rule (check option):
☒ substantially less than ☐ moderately less than ☐ minimally less than

- ☐ the same as ☐ minimally more than ☐ moderately more than
☐ substantially more than ☐ excessively more than

8. The benefit of adopting the rule compared to not adopting the rule or significantly amending the existing rule (check option):

- ☐ substantially less than ☐ moderately less than ☐ minimally less than
☐ the same as ☐ minimally more than ☐ moderately more than
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B. Reasonable Alternative Methods

1. Other than adopting this rule, are there less costly or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule?

- ☐ yes ☒ no

2. If yes, please briefly describe available, reasonable alternative(s) and the reasons for rejecting those alternatives in favor of the proposed rule. (Please see §25-43-4.104 for factors you must consider.)

N/A

C. Data and Methodology


Please briefly describe the data and methodology you used in making the estimates required by this form.

Telehealth Services: MMIS data was compiled for utilization of emergency room evaluation and management codes 99281-99285 for SFY14. Total cost of these services was \$1,557,688 with the average claim of \$77.60. Using a rate of \$31.01 for the telehealth originating site fee, the Division of Medicaid estimates a yearly decrease in emergency room costs of three percent (3%) which equals to a savings of \$46,731 annually. Additionally, the Division of Medicaid anticipates that non-emergency transportation (NET) costs will decrease due to beneficiaries accessing telehealth services at a closer geographical site to them.

D. Public Notice

Where, when, and how may someone present their views on the proposed rule and demand an oral proceeding on the proposed rule if one is not already provided?

Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, MS 39201, thirty (30) days from the date of publication of public notice. All comments will be available for public review at the above address.

SIGNATURE	TITLE
	Executive Director
DATE	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE
9/24/15	DEC 01 2015